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ORDERLY BOOK OF GEN. JOHN PETER GABRIEL MUHLENBERG, MARCH 26–DECEMBER 20, 1777.

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G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Augt 21st 1777.

Major Genl for tomorrow . . Green
Brigadier . . . . . Woodford
Field Officers Col^{o} Broadhead Lt Col. Toliver
Brigade Major . . . . . Day

The whole Army is to March Tomorrow morning the Genl is to beat at half after three, the Troop at half past four and at 5 o'clock the Army is to begin their march. The Major Genl, Dr. M. G. & Commiss^{y} Genl will receive their Orders at Head Quarters at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

An Orderly Man from each Reg^{t} of Horse to attend the same time for orders. Genl Lincoln's Division to relieve the Cattle Guard, this afternoon as soon as Possible.

D. O. Everything in the Division to be got in readiness to March early tomorrow Morning agreable to the . . . .

G. O. of the Day. . . . the Command^{g} Officers of Reg^{ts} are desired to see that their Reg^{ts} are properly furnished with Baggage Waggons and those Waggons well provided with Horses. The Command^{g} Officers of the Artillery of each Brigade will take Care that their piece and Ammunition Waggons are well provided. Those Reg^{ts} that have Sick incapable of Marching must apply to Col^{o} O'Beal D. Q. M. G. for Waggons to transport them and such as ought to be sent to the Hospital, to be by the Surgeons of the Reg^{ts} immediately reported to the Director of the Flying Hospital.

It is expected after this Notice everything will be in Readiness to march without Confusion or delay. The Gen[l] observes with Concern many Sentries sitting on their Post, a practice no less dangerous than disgraceful and considering the Severity of Punishment inflicted on those found sleeping on their Post, it cannot be too carefully guarded against, more especially as it is a Want of Discipline, nothing can give a more evident mark of the want of it than this.

SIR.

It is his Excell[ys] Orders that the Waggons in each Division be equally distributed to the Regim[ts] agreeable to the following Proportion. Viz[t] One Waggon for the Field Officers, One for the Staff Officers, One for every Hundred Men and 5 Spare Waggons that are to follow each Brigade to take up the Sick that may fall behind & if ordered by the Major Gen[l] of the Division to take in the Packs of the Soldiers You will therefore have the Teams regulated immediately by the above Proportion and return to me the Number that remain which are to be kept for the Extra calls of the Army.

J. MIFFLIN
D. Q. M. G.

To L[t]. COL[o] THORNBURGH

1st D. W. M. G.			
1st Virg[a]	Reg[t]	3 & 1 for Staff	
5	D[o]	D[o]	4 & 1 for Staff
9	D[o]	D[o]	6
German			5

After Orders. Aug 21st 1777

The Army is to remain in its Present Encampment till further Orders.

TIMOTHY PICKERING A. G.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS August 22d 1777

Parole Gloster . *C. S.* Gravesend Gosport
Major Gen[l] for tomorrow . Stephens
Brigad[r] . . . . . Weedon
Field Officers . L[t] Col Frazier Major Cropper
Brig[e] Major . . . . . Peers

The Brigade[rs] and Officers Commanding Brigades are to assemble tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at the Tavern at the Cross Roads, to Consider of the Report made to them relative to the pieces of Liquor sold by the Sutlers and to give their opinion upon the matter to the Commander in Chief, pursuant to G. O. of the 10th Ins[t].

A Gen[l] Court Martial is to set tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock precisely at the Meeting House not far from the Cross Roads for the Tryal of all the Prisoners of the Horse which shall be brought before them. L[t] Col. White of Col[o] Moilands Reg[t] is appointed President of this Court.

The Commander in Chief approves the following sentences of a Gen[l] Court Martial held the 19th 20th and 21st Ins[t] whereof Col. McClenachan was president, Cap[t] Crump of the 1st Virg[a] Reg[t] charg'd wth wantonly ordering L[t] Smith under an arrest, when he knew he was executing the Gen[l] Orders for which he was acquitted by a Gen[l] Court Martial, and for afterwards attempting to Vindicate his Conduct by giving in false evidence to the Court, declaring he did not know he was acting as Brig[e] Major to Gen[l] Muhlenburgh at that time acquitted. Hugh Cully of the 12th Pennsy[l] Reg[t] charg'd with letting a certain prisoner make his escape by the name of John Riphart confin'd by order of his Excell[y] the Comm[r] in Chief acquitted. Ja[s] McDavill charg'd with desertion from the 6th Pennsyl[v] Reg[t] pleaded guilty and sentenc'd to receive 50 Lashes on his bare back.

L[t] Thomas Wishart of the 15th Virg[a] Reg[t] charg'd with neglect of Duty and Disobedience of Orders, found guilty of the charges against him in neglecting to make in a Morn-

ing Report to the Col. of the Reg^{t} he belongs to Conformable to a Regimental Order, but it appears to have proceeded from a want of knowledge of the Order and from no intention neglect or disobedience, the Court Sentence'd him to be privately reprimanded by the Colonel. Brigade Major Swaine charg'd with repeated neglect of Duty and particularly in not attending for orders the 17th Ins^{t} in proper Time, by which means his Excell$^{y's}$ intentions who had, ordered Straw and Rum to be furnish'd the Men, were intirely frustrated and the Soldiery particular the Sick were left exposed to the inclemency of the Weather, in a much greater degree for the want of those Necessaries, found guilty of repeated neglect of Duty and not Guilty of the remaining part of the Charge sentenc'd to be reprimanded in G. O.

The Commander in Chief regrets that he is so frequently oblig'd to Censure Officers in G. O. for neglect of Duty and other offences and wishes earnestly that by an Attentive and punctual discharge of their Duty, they would save him from a Task so disagreeable and painful. Officers should in their own conduct set examples before the Men of diligence and an exact Compliance of every Order, delays are always dangerous, and in the Military Service are always attended with the most fatal consequences especially must they be so in Officers on whom the distribution of G. O. depends, the General at the same time thanks those Officers whose regard for the good of the Service leads them to bring Delinquents to Justice and assures them that such a Conduct will ever meet with his warm approbation, and adds positively that for future remissness in Brig^{e} Majors in any part of their Duty, he will certainly suspend them till the pleasure of Congress be known concerning them, as there is no possibility of Conducting the affairs of the Army without the greatest punctuality in the performance of the Duties of their Departments.

George Bignell of the 10th Virg^{a} Reg^{t} charged with Desertion, no Witnesses appearing against him, the Court ordered him to be releas'd from confinement for the present.

Adam Cloyse of the 6th Virgª Regt charged with desertion, no witnesses appearing against him, the Court ordered him to be sent to his Company.

John Brumbo of the 10th Virgª Regt charged with sleeping on his post when on Centry over Prisoners pleaded guilty and Sentenced to receive 20 lashes on his bare back. James Burn of Col. Stewarts Regt charg'd with desertion, order'd by the Court to be sent to his Regt.

As the Congress have and I am persuaded never intend to give a Rank to any of the Waggon Masters of this army, except the W. M. G. they are order'd never to assume the Titles of Majors, Captˢ &c, but to be distinguished by Division or Brigade Waggon Masters, as the case may happen to be. Waggon Masters are useful in every Army and will be supported in all their just priviledges, but the way for them to gain respect is by a diligent and faithful discharge of their respective Duties, without favour or affection to any one, this order is to extend to persons in every other department who have not Rank given them by their Commissioners or appointments under Congress. (All detach'd parties to have notice) the army is to march to-morrow morning if it should not rain precisely in the time and manner directed in the Orders of Yesterday.

The two Divisions which go to Correls Ferry will march in this order. Genˡ Greens first then Genˡ Stephens and then the Baggage of both Divisions in the same order as the Divisions March. Genˡ Green will order an advance Guard from his Division and Genˡ Stephens a Rear Guard from his Division each Guard to be under the Command of a Field Officer.

The Officer Commanding the Rear Guard will detach a Sub. and 30 men to follow in the rear of the Baggage to pick up all Straglers who escape the Rear Guard, and to see that the lame and sick are not neglected but properly disposed of among the Waggons.

The Commander in chief has the Happiness to inform the Army of a Signal Victory obtain'd at the Northward, a

part of Gen[l] Burgoines Army about 1500 in number were detach'd towards New Hampshire and advancing with a design to possess themselves of Bennington Brig[r] Gen[l] Starke of the State of New Hampshire with about 2000 men mostly militia attack'd them our Troops behav'd in a very brave and Heroic manner, they push'd the enemy from one work to another, thrown up on advantageous Ground and from different posts, with spirit and Fortitude untill they gained a Compleat Victory over them. The following is a List of Prisoners Kill'd and wounded Viz[t] 1 L[t] Col. 1 Major, 5 Captains 12 Lieu[ts], 4 Ensigns, 2 Cornets, 1 Judge Advo cate, 1 Baron, 2 Canadian Officers, 3 Surgeons, 37 British Soldiers, 398 Hessians, 38 Canadians, and 151 Tories taken Prisoners, the number of wounded fallen into our Hands exclusive of the above are about 80, the number of the Enemy who were Slain had not been ascertain'd, but it is suppos'd to be about 200. Their Artillery Consisting of 4 Brass Field pieces with a considerable Quantity of Baggage likewise fell into our Hands, our Loss consists of about 20 or 30 kill'd and perhaps 50 wounded.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS AT SANTOWN
NEAR GERMANTOWN, Aug[t] 23[d] 1777

Parole	*C. Sign*
Major Gen[l] for tomorrow	L[d] Sterling
Brigadier	Scott
Field Officers Col. Grayson	L[t] Col. Gurny
Brig[e] Major	Johnson

No officer or Soldier is to leave the Encampment, this evening without leave in Writing from the Major or Brig[r] Gen[l] under whom he acts and they are desired not to give such leave unless there be apparent Cause for it. The Army is to move precisely at 4 o'clock in the morning if it should not rain, the Division Commanded by Gen[l] Wayne is to take its proper place in the Line, Viz. between L[t] Sterling

and Gen[l] Stephen's Divisions, and it is strongly and earnestly ensisted upon the Comman[g] Officers of Regiment[s] to make all their men who are able to bear Arms except the necessary Guards to march in their Ranks, for it is so great reflection upon all order and Discipline to see such numbers of Strollers (for they cannot be call'd Guards) with the Waggons that it is really shocking. The army is to march in one Column through the City of Philadelphia going in and Marching down Front Street to Chestnut Street and up Chestnut Street to the Common, a Small Halt is to be made about a Mile this side the City till the Rear Closes up and the Line is in proper order.

The Divisions marches as follows—Greenes, Stephen's, Lincoln and Lord Sterlings, the Horse to be Divided upon the Two Wings. Blands and Blaylors Reg[ts] upon the Right, Sheldon's and Moilands upon the left. The following Order of March is to be observed First one Sub. and 12 light Horse, 200 Guards, in their Rear a Compleat Troop. Two Hundred yards in the Rear of the Troop, the Residue of Blands and Baylor's Regt[s] One Hund[d] Yards in Rear of these a Company of Pioneers with their axes &c in proper order. One Hundred Yards in the Rear of the Pioneers a Reg[t] from Muhlenbergs Brigade, and close in the Rear of that Reg[t] all Muhlenberg's Field Artillery. Then his Brigade followed by Weedons, Woodfords and Scotts in order with all their field Artillery in their respective Fronts.

Park of Artillery and the Artificers belonging thereto in the Center Lincoln and Lord Sterlings Divisions following with all their Brig[e] Artillery in the rear of their respective Brigades, a Reg[t] from Lord Sterlings Brigade for a Rear Guard, and to be One Hundred and fifty yards from Maxwell's Brigade, Sheldon's and Moilands Light Horse one Hundred and 50 Yards in the Rear of this Reg[t] and one Troop one Hundred and fifty Yards in the Rear of the Reg[t] of Horse. The whole is to march by Subdivisions at half distance, the Ranks six paces asunder, which is to be exactly observed in passing through the City & great

attention given by the Officers to see the Men carry their Arms well and are made to appear as decent as Circumstances will admit, it is expected that every Officer, without exception will keep in his Post in passing through the City and under no pretence whatever leave it, and if any soldier shall dare quit his Ranks he shall receive 39 Lashes at the first Halting place afterwards. The officers will be particularly careful to prevent this, not only in their own Divisions but in others also if they should an attempt of the kind they are also to prevent the people from pressing on the Troops. There is to be no greater Space between the Divisions Brigades and Reg^{ts} than is taken up by the Artillery and is just sufficient to Distinguish them, and that the Line of March through the City may be as little incumber'd as possible, only one Ammunition Waggon is to attend the Field Pieces of each Brigade, and very few the artillery Park, all the rest of the Waggons, Baggage and Spare Horses are to file off to the Right, avoid the City entirely and move on to the Bridge to the Middle Ferry and there Halt, but not so to impede the March of the Troops by preventing their passing them, not a Woman belonging to the Army is to be seen with the Troops on their March through the City. The Waggon M. G. and all his assistants together with the Division, Brigade and Reg^{tl} Quarter Masters are to attend the Waggons and assist the Field Officers appointed to that Duty in preventing any Men who are allotted to attend the Waggons from slipping into the City—as the Baggage will be but a little while separated from the Column, a very few Men will be sufficient to guard it and the Genl wishes to have as many of them as are able appear in the Rank in the Line of March.

The Baggage and Spare Artillery Waggons of each Brigade together with the Waggons of the Artillery Park are to move in the same order as the Brigades &c do in the Line that they may the more easily unite again when we have pass'd the City The Soldiers will go early to rest this Evening as the Genl expects that the whole Line will

be on their March at the Hour appointed, that this may be the Case, each Brig^{e} is to appoint Patroles to take up all Straglers from the Camp and all others who do not obey this Order. The Director of the Hospital will order where the Sick are to be sent.

The Drums and Fifes of each Brigade are to be Collected in the Center of it, and a Tune for the Quick Step play'd, but with such Moderation that the men may step to it with ease without Dancing along or totally disregarding the Musick which has been so often the Case. The men are to be excused from carrying their Camp Kettles tomorrow.

D. O. August 24 1777

The Division to be in readiness to move precisely at 4 o'clock tomorrow Morning. The Genl expects the D. Q. M. G. will see the Waggons provided with Horses and that every Thing in the Department be in Readiness.

N. Green M. G.

B. O. Augt 25th 1777

The Brigade is to March tomorrow Morning precisely at 5 o'clock, the Genl to beat at 4. Those Reg^{ts} who are not provided with provisions must draw and Cook this afternoon.

P. M., B^{r} Genl

B. O. August 26th 1777

The Commanding Officers of Reg^{ts} belonging to the Brigade are to have Returns made out Immediately of the Number of Cartridges wanting to Compleat their Men and send them into Genl Muhlenberg who will give them an Order on Capt Bowman of the Artillery for the Number wanting. The men are to put their Arms in the best order possible fit for action. A Fatigue party of Twenty men to turn out immediately to get wood for the Brigade. The B^{r} Q^{r} Master to give Directions where to Cut it.

P. Muhlenberg B. G.

B. O. August 26th 1777

The Gentln Officers Commanding Companies will agreeable to B. O. immediately have their Arms exam'd and put in the best Order possible, those that are out of repair so much that they Cannot be depended on to go into action with must be Collected and sent by a Trusty Sergeant to the nearest Blacksmith to be immediately repaired. The officers will attend and see that the Cartridges and Flints are properly distributed.

Robr Ballard M. Commg

G. O. Head Quarters Wilmington Augt 26 1777

Major Gen1 for tomorrow . Stephens
Brigadr . . . . . Weedon
Field Officers Col. Hartley, Lt Col. Ross
Brige Major . . . . . Peers

The Officers Commanding Corps are to see that their Mens arms are immediately clean'd and put in the best order possible, that the Ammunition likewise be carefully inspected and the proper number of Rounds for each Man Compleated, that the Bayonets fix well, that the Flints be screw'd in fast and every thing be put in perfect readiness for action.

The Troops are without fail Continually to have one Days provision of Meat on hand ready Cook'd and Two days rations of Bread should any complaint by the Soldiers be made for want of such provisions, the Commanding Officers of Corps must be Answerable for it, unless it should appear that the provisions were not to be had at the Commissary's and in such Case the Deficient Commissary shall be accountable.

Complaint has been made that some Regts have lately been without provisions, owing to the Negligence of their Commissaries, such Conduct is insufferable and must be attended with the worst Consequences.

The Commander in Chief is determin'd to make an example of the first Commissary who shall be guilty of the like Negligence. The Comm^{r} in Chief likewise insists that the Commissaries shall supply the Troops with hard Bread, the present most Common Mode of Supply by issuing Flour which they made into bad Bread, not only injures their health but is attended with delays sufficient to frustrate the most important and well formed enterprize. As the means are now in their power the Comm^{r} in Chief can admit no excuse for their not supplying with good Bread.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS WILMINGTON Augt 27th 1777

A Gill of Rum or other Spirits is to be issued immediately to each non Commissioned Officer, Soldier and Waggoner

TIM PICKERING A. G.

HEAD QUARTERS WILMINGTON Augt 27 1777

One Major, 2 Capt^{s} 4 Lieut^{s}, 7 Sergeants, 6 Corpl^{s} and 100 Privates from Genl Greens and Genl Stephens Divisions are to parade at Head Quarters at 10 o'clock P. M. this day to go on Detachment, they will take provisions for one Day and prepare for three or four Days absence.

Detail for GEN^{l} MUHLENBURG

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS WILMINGTON Augt 27 1777

Major Genl for tomorrow . .	Green
Brig^{r}	Maxwell
Field Officers .	Col Bowman & Lt Col Wettner
Brigade Major . . .	Weatherspoon

The Brigades and other Corps are to be in such readiness as to march at a Moments warning to this end the officers will see that the Men are kept regularly supplied with as much provision as will when fresh keep, and the Commis-

saries are peremptorily ordered to provide a Quantity of Hard Bread ready to deliver on Sudden Call. It is expected as there is reason to believe that our Service will be active that every species of Baggage belonging to both officers and Men will now be stored except such as cannot be done without in the Field. That the Train of Waggons may be reduced and our incumbrance on this account lessen'd to affect this valuable purpose the Sick are to be turn'd over to the Director Gen[l] of the Hospital and none kept with us. The Women are expressly forbid any longer under any License at all to ride in the Waggons and the Officers are Call'd upon to permit no more than is absolutely necessary and actually useful to follow the Army.

The number of Horses which are now injuriously introduc'd contrary to all former practice is also expressly forbid as they have become a real nuisance to the Army, it is expected therefore that no officer except those who are allow'd Forage, will henceforth keep a Horse, but as his Baggage is Carried for him, march on Foot with his men. This at the same time, that it testifys a regard to the Service, will be a good and Commendable example to the Men, which in every instance ought, and it is hoped will be the first object of a good and Valuable Officer. Five Waggons from each Brigade is to be deliver'd immediately to the D. Q. M. G. Gen[l] Green's Division is to march tomorrow Morning and take post on a piece of ground, which will be mark'd out for him on White Clay Creek and the Militia from Chester under the Command of Col. Evans is to march to Christeen Bridge, and there take post till further orders.

B. O.

The Brigade will hold themselves in readiness to march tomorrow morning at 5 o'clock precisely the Gen[l] to beat at four.

P. MUHLENBURG B. G.

D. O. CAMP AT WHITE CLAY CREEK Augt 28—1777.

Genl Muhlenburgs and Genl Weedens Brigades each to furnish 100 men that are good marksmen to form a Light corps for the Division as this is meant only for a temporary establishment & as the utility will depend upon the goodness of the men and Officers for such a Service, the Genl desires the Commanding Officers of Reg^{ts} to send none but such as may be depended on. Lt Col. Parker is to take the Command, Genl Muhlenburg will furnish a Major, two field Officers being necessary.

N. GREEN M. G.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS WILMINGTON Augt 28—1777

Major General for tomorrow . . . . Stephens
Brigad^{r} . . . . . Scott
Field Officers Col. Spotswood and Major Miller

Joseph Scott is appointed Brigade Major to Genl Muhlenburgh in the room of Major Swaine and is to be obey'd as such. A Corps of light infantry is to be form'd immediately to Consist of one Field officer, Two Capt^{s}, 6 Subs, eight sergeants, one hundred Rank and File from each Brigade.

D. O. CAMP AT WHITE CLAY CREEK Augt 29th 1777

A Gill of Spirits to be drawn for the men, this to be continued every morning while the men lay out of their Tents.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS WILMINGTON Augt 29th 1777

Each Brigade is to make a Return immediately to the Q. M. G. of the number of Arm Chests necessary for carrying safely all the spare arms that may from Time to Time happen to be in their Brigades by means of the sick and other usual accidents. The pay master of Regt^{s} are forthwith to apply to the Pay Master Genl for the month of July.

B. O. Augt 30th 1777

A Waggon with a Fatigue Party of 6 men from each Reg^{t} to be sent immediately to Cut wood.

P. MUHLENBURG B. G.

D. O. CAMP AT RED CREEK Augt 30 1777.

A Sub., Serg^{t}, and 20 men to Parade tomorrow morning from the Division at Genl Weedon's Quarters to receive their orders from him. N. GREEN M. G.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Augt 30 1777.

Genl Maxwell will take the Command of the Corps of light infantry. John Cannon was on the 1st of May appointed Pay Master to the 6th Vir^{a} Reg^{t} the Commander in Chief approves of the appointment.

Augt 30, 1777.

Parole *C. Sign*

Information being given by the Commissary Genl that it is impracticable at present to supply the army daily with hard Bread the Troops are to receive soft Bread or flour, as the Commissaries shall be able to supply them. The Commissaries are never the less to exert themselves to the Utmost constantly to supply the Troops wth bread either hard or soft, and without fail to have a large Quantity of hard Bread made, ready to be issued whenever the Army Marches.

TIM^{y} PICKERING A. G.

B. O. Augt 31st 1777.

The 1st, 5th and 9th Reg^{ts} are to be muster'd Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock for which reason they are to be excus'd from finding any men for Guard this evening unless an unusual number should be required. The Officers will take care to have their Muster Rolls ready. At 5 o'clock this afternoon the Brigade is to Parade to attend divine Service. No Soldier to Straggle from camp on any pretence whatever, should any disobey this order and fall into the hands of the Patroles, punishment will be unavoidable.

P. MUHLENBURG B. G.

D. O. CAMP NEAR WILMINGTON Sepr 1st 1777.

His Excellency having order'd 278 Tin Boxes to carry spare cartriges for the use of the Division, Genl Muhlenburg and Genl Weedon will send a party from each Brigade to fetch the Boxes to Camp from the Gen^{ls} Quarters, they are to be divided equally between the Brigades.

The Briggadiers will order such proportion to each Reg^{t} as they think necessary for the good of the Service, taking receipts of the Command^{g} Officers of Regt^{s} for the number deliver'd. The Comm^{g} Officers of Reg^{ts} are also to divide them to the Companies, the Capt^{s} to give their Receipts for what they receive, they are also to divide the Boxes among the Messes, who are to be daily examin'd whether they have the Boxes and Compliment of Cartridges belonging to them.

N. GREEN M. G.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Sepr 1st 1777.

Mr. Austin Sandwich was on the 15th of August appointed Quarter Master to 6th Vir^{a} Reg^{t} and is to be regarded as such. The Comm^{r} in Chief has the pleasure to inform the Army that on the approach of Genl Arnold with his Detachment that the Enemy rais'd the Siege of Fort Stanwix and fled with such precipitation that they left their Tents standing which with their Ammunition, Baggage, Stores, Fore Royals &c &c having fallen into our Hands, and that a party sent out by Col. Gransvert who commanded at the Fort brought in a number of prisoners and Deserters.

D. O. CAMP Sep^{t} 2^{d} 1777

The Division to furnish a detachment of three Hundred Men to be Commanded by a Col. Lt Col. and Major, and otherwise properly Officer'd, to parade immediately, draw and Cook one days provision and be ready to march tomorrow morning at Three O'clock to receive Orders from Genl Muhlenburg.

N. GREEN M. G.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Sepr 3^{d} 1777.

As the Enemy's motion will be sudden and perhaps rapid. The Genl positively orders the Comm^{g} Officers of Corps to keep their men in Camp, by no means suffering them to ramble about the verge of it. The discharge of 2 field pieces is to be consider'd by the Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades as an alarm as a signal for getting their men under arms and for the Waggon Masters for putting to their Horses, upon the firing the alarm Guns, the Genl Officers after giving the necessary Orders for parading their Men, are to repair immediately to Head Quarters. It is expected that the Officers of every Corps will immediately inspect the Mens Arms and Ammunition and see that everything is in Order.

If any of the Cont^{l} Troops are without Arms the Commanding Officers of Corps to which they belong is to apply to the Adj^{t} Genl for Orders on the Commissary Genl for such as are wanting. The Comm^{r} in Chief approves the following sentences of a Genl Court Martial held Sepr 2^{d} whereof Colonel Johnson was President. Godfrey Oxford of 14th Virg^{a} Reg^{t} charg'd with desertion, getting drunk and loosing his arms, found not guilty of desertion, but guilty of getting drunk and loosing his arms, sentenc'd to receive one Hundred Lashes on his bare back and to pay for his arms lost.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS 4th Sepr 1777.

As a full supply of hard Bread cannot at present be obtained all that is now in or shall come to the Hands of the Reg^{t} Q^{r} Master is to remain there and not be distributed but upon the most pressing exigencies and when the Troops are about to March and then not without orders from their Brigadiers, in the mean Time the Army is to be furnish'd with soft Bread or Flour, which the Commissaries are ensist'd to supply with more punctuality than they have done. The Commander in Chief can no longer excuse the neglect in that Department. Much injury having been

done to the Soldiery and some lives lost by their being taken from the Hospital by their officers too soon, and without the Concurrence of the Superintend^g Physician, that practice is absolutely forbid and henceforward not a man is to be taken from the Hospital till regularly discharg^d by the Directing Physician, in writing under his Hand. Notwithstand^g all the Cautions, the earnest requests and the positive orders of the Commander in Chief to prevent our Army from Plundering our Friends and Fellow Citizens, yet to his astonishment and grief fresh Complaints are made to him, that so wicked, enfamous and cruel a practice is still continued and that too in Circumstances most distressing, where the wretched Inhabitants dreading the enemy's Vengeance for their adherence to our Cause (have left their all and fled to us for Refuge) we Complain of the Cruelty and Barbarity of our Enemy, but does it equal ourselves, they sometimes spare the property of their friends but some amongst us beyond expression barbarous even rob them.

Why did we assemble in Arms? Was it not to protect the property of our Countrymen? And shall we to our Eternal reproach be the first to pillage and destroy it? Will no motives of Humanity, of real interest and of Honour restrain the Violence of the Soldiers or induce Officers to keep so strict a watch over the ill dispos'd, as effectually to prevent the Execution of their evil designs, and the gratification of their savage inclination, or if their powerful motives are too weak, will they pay no regard to their own safety. How many nobler designs have miscarried, how many Victories have been lost, how many Armies have been ruined by an indulgence of Soldiers in Plundering.

If Officers in the least connive at such practices, the Licensiousness of some Soldiers would soon be without Bounds, in the most Critical moment, instead of attending their Duty, they will be Scattered abroad indiscriminately plundering Friends and Foes, and if no worse Consequence ensue many of them must fall a prey to the Enemy. For these reasons the Comm^r in Chief requires that these Orders

be distinctly read to all the Troops, and that officers of every Rank take particular Care to Convince the men of the Baseness and fatal tendency of the practices Complain'd of that their Own safety depend on a Contrary Conduct, and an exact observance of orders and Discipline at the same Time the Comm^r in Chief solemnly assures all that he will have no mercy on offenders against these orders, their lives shall pay the Forfeit of their Crimes, Pity under such Circumstances would be the heigth of Cruelty.

D. O. CAMP Sepr 4—1777.

The two Brigades to furnish 250 men for a Fatigue Party in the morning to Parade at 7 o'clock to be Commanded by a Field Officer and otherwise properly Officer'd.

N. GREEN M. G.

D. O. CAMP Sepr 5th 1777

A detachment of one Sub., 2 Serg^ts, 2 Corp^s, and 20 Privates from the Division to parade immediately at Genl Weedons' Brig^e parade, they will march to Newport, where they will receive orders from Col. Marshall, they will take one Days provision with them.

B. O. Septr 5th, 1777

It has been observ'd for several days past that many Soldiers making a practice of getting drunk regularly once a Day and thereby render themselves unfit for duty, which practice at this Time especially must be of pernicious Consequences. The Officers Comm^g Reg^ts are therefore desired to be particularly attentive to the Conduct of their Men, and if they find any who are intoxicated, to have them punish'd immediately agreeable to the Articles of War, no Sutler shall permit a Soldier to sit down in his Booth or Tent to drink, but send him off immediately when he has receiv'd the Quantity of Liquor he came for, nor shall any Sutler presume to sell after Tattoo beating on pain of having his Licence taken from him. P. M., B. G.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS WILMINGTON Sepr 5, 1777

Major Genl for tomorrow . . . . Green
Brigadier . . . . . Weedon
Field Officers Col. Mathews . Major Howell
Brigade Major . . . . . Peers

The Commissary Genl of Prisoners informs the Comm^{g} Officers of Reg^{ts} and other Corps that notwithstanding the orders heretofore Issued for that purpose he has receiv'd but one small return of Prisoners taken by the Enemy since his appointment. In consequence of which neglect it will be impossible for him in Case of an exchange. To pay proper attention to the Order of the different Captures as to Time, he further informs them that in Future the Prisoners will be exchang'd according to the Returns hereafter made to him. As Baggage Waggons are at all Times a great incumbrance to an Army and would be particularly so in a day of Battle, they are in the latter Case to be drawn off the Field, that the Army may not be in the least incommoded by them, it is besides a measure which common prudence dictates, and whenever an action is expected the Q. M. G. will immediately wait on the Comm^{r} in Chief to receive his Direction respecting them.

From every information of the Enemy's design and from their movement, it is manifest that their Aim is if possible to possess themselves of Philadelphia, this is their Capital Object, it is what they last year strove to affect but were happily disappointed.

They have made a Second Attempt at the Opening of this Campaign, but after vast preparations and expence for the purpose they abandoned their design and evacuated totally the Jersies, they are now making their last effort to come up the Delaware it seems it was their first intention, but from the measures taken to annoy them in the River, judged the Enterprize that way too hazardous, at length they have landed on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and advanc'd some little way into the Country, but the Genl

trusts they will be again disappointed in their Views, should they put their designs against Philad[a] on this Rout their all is at stake. They will put the Contest on the event of a single Battle, if they are overthrown they are utterly undone, the War is at one end, now then is the Time of our most strenuous exertions, one bold stroke will free the Land from Rapine, Devestation and burning and female innocence from brutal Lust and Violence. In every other Quarter the American Arms have of late been rapidly successful. Great numbers of the Enemy have fallen in Battle and still greater Numbers have been made Prisoners, the Militia to the Northward have fought with resolution that would have done Honour to old Soldiers, they bravely fought and Conquered, and Glory attends them. Who can forbear to emulate their noble Example. Who is either without ambition to share with them the applauses of their Countrymen and of all posterity as the Defenders of their Country and the procurers of Peace and Happiness to unborn Millions in the Present and Future Generations. Two years we have maintain'd the War and struggl'd with Difficulties innumerable, but the prospect has since brighten'd and our affairs put on a better face. Now is the time to reap the fruits of all our Toils and dangers, if we behave like Men, this third Campaign will be our last. Ours is the main Army to us our Country looks up for protection, for the Eyes of all America and all Europe are turn'd upon us, as upon those by whom the event of war is to be determin'd. And y[e] Gen[l] assures his Countrymen and Fellow Soldiers that he believes the Critical, the important moment is at hand, which demands their most Spirited exertions in the Field. Their Glory waits to Crown the Brave and Peace, freedom and Happiness will be the reward of Victory. Animated by motives like these Soldiers fighting in the Cause of innocence, Humanity and Justice, never will give way but with undaunted resolution press on to Conquest, and this the Gen[l] assures himself is the part the American Forces are now in Arms will act, and thus acting he will

assure them success. Gen[l] Irvins Brig[e] of Militia will relieve the men of Gen[l] Nash[s] Brigade on the Cattle Guard on the east side of Brandywine as soon as possible and daily furnish it.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Sep[r] 6th 1777

Parole	*C Sign*
Major Gen[l] tomorrow	L[d] Sterling
Brigadier	Scott
Field Officers Col. Josiah Parker, Major Force	
Brigade Major	Day

The Gen[l] has no doubt but that every Man who has a due Sense of the importance of the Cause he has undertaken to defend, and who has any regard to his own Honour, and the reputation of a Soldier will if call'd to action behave like one Contending for everything valuable, but if Contrary to his expectation there shall be found any Officer or Soldier so far lost to all shame as basely to quit his post without orders, or shall sculk from danger or Offer to retreat before Orders is given for so doing from proper authority of a Superior Officer, they are to be instantly shot down as a just punishment to themselves and for examples to others. This order, those in the rear and the Corps of reserve are to see duly executed to prevent the Cowardly from making a sacrifice of the Brave, and by their ill examples and groundless Tales (calculated to cover their own shameful Conduct) spreading Terror as they go. That this order may be well known and strongly impress'd upon the Army the Gen[l] positively orders the Comm[g] Officer of every Reg[t] to assemble his Men and have it read to them to prevent the plea of Ignorance.

The Gen[l] begs the favour of the officers to be attentive to all strange faces and Suspicious Characters which may be discover'd in Camp, and if upon Examination of them no good account can be given why they are there to carry them to the Major Gen[l] of the Day for further examination, this

as it is only a necessary precaution is to be done in a manner least offensive.

The officers are to meet at 5 o'clock this afternoon at the brick House by White Clay Creek and fix upon proper picquets for the security of the Camp.

John Lawrence and Peter Pressly Thornton Esq^{rs} are appoint^{d} extra Aid du Camps to the Comm^{r} in Chief, all orders therefore thro' them in writing or otherwise are to be regarded in the same light as if proceeding from any other of his Aid du Camps.

Notwithstanding the orders relative to Slaughter Houses, they are still often great nuisances to the Army, the Q^{r} Masters of Divisions therefore are to see that they are fixed at proper distances from the Camp and that all the offal be buried once a Day. The Comm^{d} in Chief will look to these Q^{r} Masters for the Execution of this Order, and no excuse can be admitted for the neglect of so necessary a Duty.

T. Pickering A. G.

After Orders.

Information has been given that many Waggon horses are suffer'd to go loose in the Fields. The Comm^{r} in Chief strictly orders that every night all the Waggon horses be put to the Waggons and there kept, and if it be necessary at any Time for them to go to Grass, that it be only in the day Time, and then the Waggoners must stay by them constantly, that they may be ready at the shortest notice. The Waggon Masters are required to see this order Carefully executed.

The Enemy has disincumber'd themselves of all their Baggage that their movements may be quick and easy, it behoves us to be alike ready for marching at a moments warning, and for the same reason it is absolutely necessary, and the Comm^{r} in Chief absolutely requires that both Officers and Men remain Constantly at their Quarters.

Tattoo is no longer to be beat in Camp.

B.O. Sepr 7th 1777

A return is immediately to be given of the number of spare Cartridges wanting to fill up the Tin Boxes in each Reg^{t}.

P. M., B. G.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS New Port Sepr 7, 1777.

Major Genl for tomorrow . . . . Stephens
Brigadier . . . . . Wayne
Field Officers Col. Marshall and Major Ballard
Brigade Major . . . . . Harper

The Genl has receiv'd a Confirmation of the Intelligence in the orders of last night, that the Enemy have disincumber'd themselves of all their Baggage even their Tents, reserving only Blankets and such part of their Cloathing as is absolutely necessary, this indicates a speedy and rapid movement and points out the necessity of following the example and ridding ourselves for a few days of everything we can possibly dispence with. As a very imperfect obedience has been paid to former orders on this subject, it is now once more strictly enjoin'd that all Baggage which can be spar'd, both of Officers and Men be immediately pack'd up and sent off this day to the other side of Brandywine.

This having heretofore attended by a too indulgent construction of the General Terms in which it has been couch'd, the Genl is oblig'd to be more explicit and to declare that it is his intention that the Officers should only retain their Blankets, great Coats and three or four shifts of under-Cloathes, and that the Men should, besides what they have on keep only a Blanket and Shirt apiece, and such as have it a Great Coat, all Chests, Trunks, Boxes and other bedding and Cloathes than those mention'd to be sent away till the elapsing of a few days. Whether the enemy Means an immediate attack or not it is hop'd that none will have so little sense of property as to deem a measure so obviously for the good of the Service a hardship.

It would be folly in the extream to hazard the Loss of our Baggage for the sake of a little present Convenience, a loss which at this time would be irreparable, the disadvantage of having that to take Care of, at the moment of attack when we should be preparing for defence is evident. The attention of both officers and men will then be wholly engross'd for its safety and the Enemy will have time to be upon us, before we will have time to receive them, the Confusion and Bustle must be Consequent, and perhaps Defeat and Disgrace, the loss of our Baggage and not impossible the ruin of our Army. The Comm^{r} in Chief in a particular manner look to the Genl Officers for the execution of this order in their respective Division's and Brigades.

The whole Army is to draw two Days' provisions exclusive of to-day and have it Cook'd and deposit it with the Reg^{l} Q^{r} Masters provided salt provisions can be drawn, otherwise one Days fresh provision to be Cook'd and deposited as a fores^{d} and two Days hard Bread if to be had. All the Horse except Capt Lewis's Troop is to take post on the right of the Army. The Tents of the whole Army is to be pack'd in the Waggons tomorrow morning an hour before day and the Horses tackled, all Corps of Horse are to be assembled at the same time and the whole Army drawn up in their respective line.

The Q. M. G. is to spare no pains immediately to provide Waggons to carry the Men's packs, that the men may be perfectly light and free for action. There is to be no more Sick sent to Concord but to Birhmingham.

D. O. CAMP Sepr 8th 1777

A party of one Hundred Men properly Officer'd to parade immediately from the Division, they are to take one days provision with them. The Commanding Officer will receive his orders at the Generals Quarters.

A Fatigue Party of One Hundred Men from the Division to Parade immediately to be Commanded by a Field Offi-

cer who will receive Orders from Col. Duportail the Engineer.

The Remainder of the Troops of the Division are to be dismiss'd and pitch their Tents at 10 o'clock if the Enemy are not advancing at that Time.

N. G., M. G.

G. O. BURMINGHAM HEAD QUARTERS, Sepr 8th 1777

Officers of yesterday . . . Genl Sullivan
Brigadier . . . . . Woodford
Field Officers Col. Stewart and Lt Col. Nevill
Brigade Major . . . . . Scott

G. O. Sepr 9th 1777

Major Genl for tomorrow . . . . Green
Brigadier . . . . . Muhlenburg
Field Officers Col. Nagle Major Taylor
Brigade Major . . . . . Ross

Intelligence having been received that the Enemy instead of advancing towards Newport are turn'd another Course and appears to have a design of marching northward, this render'd it expedient for the Army to quit Newport and march'd northward also which occasion'd its sudden movement this Morning, such of the Troops as have not been serv'd with Rum to-day are as soon as possible to be serv'd with a Gill of Rum. The Major & Brigad^{er} Gen^{ls} of the Day accompanied by the Q. M. G. will immediately Reconnoitre the Environs of the Camp and fix upon proper places for posting Pickets for its security.

G. O. BIRMINGHAM Sepr 10th 1777.

Major Genl for tomorrow . . . Lord Sterling
Brigadier . . . . . Nash
Field Officers Col. Spotswood, Major Bloomfield
Brigade Major

It being with Concern the Gen[l] hear's the Complaints of the Farmers on account of the Destruction of their Fences &c, by which means their fields of Grain and Grass are destroy'd, he wishes that Officers of every Rank (for the sake of Justice and reputation of the American Arms) would exert themselves to Correct this Specie of Abuse, and this he is persuaded they will do when no stronger proof can be given of inattention or want of authority, than to suffer such practices to prevail in a Country abounding with Wood, and by Men with Hatchets in their hands besides this the injustice which individuals or the Public must sustain by such practices when there is no regularity for them, ought to strike every Officer in the most forcible manner.

No Baggage is to remain on this Ground that can be possibly dispenc'd with and what cannot is to be loaded an hour before day and in readiness to move. The Q. M. G. will have orders where to send it. The Commissary Gen[l] will take care at least to have three Days Provisions always on hand, three or four miles in the rear of the Army and draw in what Biscuit he can and salt meat for occasional services.

The Q. M. G. must furnish waggons for these purposes, the men are to be provided with cook'd provisions for tomorrow at least for two Days would be still better if they can get such provisions as will keep the light Horse except those on Duty, may lay Quarter'd a little in the rear of head Quarters. A total stop is to be put to loose disorderly firing in Camp, as otherwise it will be impossible to distinguish Guns fired for an alarm. Two hundred and fifty of Gen[l] Greens and 200 of each other Division and 100 of Gen[l] Nashes Brigade of Continental Troops and 400 of Gen[l] Armstrongs Division of Militia are to be drawn out daily as Picquets and to assemble those of Gen[l] Green's, G[l] Waynes, L[d] Sterlings, G[l] Stephens Division and Gen[l] Nash's Brigade on the most convenient ground near the Artillery Park. Gen[l] Sullivan's at the Center of his Division, G[l] Armstrong at the Center of his Division, from these

Picquets all the necessary out guards are to be furnished and the Residue to remain on their respective places of assembling ready to reinforce the out Guards or to be detach'd on other duty untill reliev'd by other Picquets, at every new encampment these out Guards is to be posted by the Major Gen[l] of the Day and Q. M. G. aided by the other officers of the Day. As soon as these Guards are posted a report is to be made to the Comm[or] in Chief where they are. These Picquets are to be under the Command of the Major Gen[l] of the Day and under him by the Brigadier of the Day. Each Division will furnish a field Officer and a proportion of their Officers, to take charge of its own Picquets, but Gen[l] Armstrong's Division will furnish two such officers, these Picquets to Parade at 5 o'clock daily Gen[l] Muhlenburg a field Officer for Picquet this Evening.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Chester Sep[r] 12, 1777

Parole *C. Sign*

The Commanding Officers of each Brigade is immediately to send off as many Officers as he shall think necessary (on the Road leading to the Place of Action Yesterday and many other Roads where stragglers may be found, and particularly to Wilmington where it is said many is retired) to pick up all the Stragglers from the Army and bring them on, in doing this they will proceed as far towards the Enemy as shall be Consistent with their own safety, and examine every House, in the Mean Time the Troops are to march on in good order through Derby, to the Bridge over the Schulkill, cross it and proceed up to their former ground near the falls of Schulkill and German Town and there Pitch their Tents. Gen[l] Green's Division will move last and cover the Baggage &c. Gen[l] Maxwell's light Corps will remain at Chester to Collect all the Stragglers they can, and tomorrow follow the Army, the Directors of the Hospital will see that all the sick are sent to Philadelphia.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS near GERMAN TOWN Sepr 13th 1777

Major Genl for tomorrow . . Sullivan
Brigadier . . . . . Weedon
Field Officers Col. Martin and Major Hay
Brigade Major . . . . . Barber

The Honb^{le} Congress (in Consideration of the Gallant behaviour of the Troops on Thursday last, their Fatigue since, and from a full conviction that on every future Occasion they will manifest bravery worthy of the Cause they have undertaken to defend,) having been pleas'd to order thirty Hhds of Rum to be distributed among them in such Manner as the Comm^{r} in Chief shall direct, he orders the Commissary of Genl Issues to deliver to each Officer and Soldier one Gill p^{r} Day while it lasts. The Commanding Officers of each Brigade without delay is to send a number of native Officers into the City and its invirons to pick up and bring to Camp all Straggling Soldiers which they may find, as well those belonging to other Brigades as their own, likewise a Serj^{t} from each Brigade to the Bridge to direct their Soldiers as they Cross where to find their respective Brigades.

At Roll calling this afternoon the Men are to be charg'd not to be out of Drum call of their respective parades under pain of Death, nor the Officers as they value the Service and dread Cashiering.

The Q^{r} M. G. is to have the Waggons of each Brigade immediately arranged so as move them in the proper Line at a moments warning. The order of the Encampment at this place need not be attended to, as our stay here will be short. Each Division is to encamp in as Compact order as possible tonight.

All Continental Troops are to be supplied immediately with 40 Rounds of Cartridges and the Officers will see that the Soldiers Carry their spare ammunition in such a manner as to avoid injury and Loss.

The Clothier Genl is order'd to send spare Shoes, Shirts,

&c to Camp to furnish such Men as are destitute. The Comm^{g} Officers therefore of Corps are to delay no time in supplying the absolute wants of their Men.

The Genl does most ardently exhort every Officer to attend to the due and speedy execution of these orders without a moments loss of Time.

The Genl with peculiar Satisfaction thanks those Gallant Officers and Soldiers who on the 11th ins bravely fought in their Country's Cause. If there are any whose Conduct reflect dishonor upon Soldiership and their names are not pointed out to him, he must for the present leave them to reflect how much they have dishonour'd their Country, how unfaithful they have proved to their fellow-Soldiers; but with this Exhortation that they embrace the first opportunity which may offer to do Justice to both and to the Profession of a Soldier.

Altho' the event of that day from some unfortunate Circumstances was not so favourable as could be wish'd, the Genl has the Satisfaction of Assuring the Troops that from every account he has been able to obtain, the Enemies loss greatly exceeded ours, and he has full confidence that in another Appeal to Heaven (with the blessing of Providence, which it becomes every Officer and Soldier humbly to Supplicate) we shall prove successful.

After Orders.

The following proportion of Tents is allowed the Army upon its next March. Viz^{t}

1 Soldiers Tent for the Field Officers of each Reg^{t}
1 D^{o} for every 4 Commission'd Officers
1 D^{o} for 8 Serg^{ts}, Drummers and Fifers
1 D^{o} for 8 Privates.

The Brigadiers to have Returns made out and the above proportion of Tents taken for their Brigades and one Waggon for every 50 Tents and no more. No Woman under any pretence whatsoever to go with the Army, but to follow the Baggage. The Soldiers are to Carry their Camp Kettles,

which if the Army should come to action are to be put into the Waggons with the Tents.

The Invalids under a good Subaltern are to guard the Tents of each Brigade. The Division Commissaries are directed to have a constant supply of Provisions for the Troops, and the Q. M. G. must without fail furnish the necessary Waggons for that purpose.

A Gill of Rum (or other Spirits) to be deliver'd every Day to every Officer and Soldier untill further Orders.

The Commissaries are to make provision accordingly.

The Army is to be ready to march precisely at 9 o'clock tomorrow mor^{g}, the Genl Officers commanding Divisions will receive the order of March from the Q. M. G. who will also direct the Rout of the Baggage.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS GERMAN TOWN Sepr 14th 1777

The Troops are to march to Sweeds Ford in the foll^{g} Order by subdivisions from the right, the first two Thirds of the light Dragoons from which the Comm^{g} Officers will detach small parties to Reconnoitre in the Front on the Flanks to a Considerable distance 2^{d} A. Cap^{ts} Command from Genl Smallwoods Brigade 800 yards in the Rear 3^{d} 1 Reg^{t} from Smallwoods Brigade 200 yards in their Rear 4th the Residue of that Brigade 500 yds in their Rear, 5th 500 yards in the Rea^{r} of that Brigade, the main Body of the Army in the following order. Viz^{t}

1st The Remaining Brigade of Genl Sullivan's Division, 2^{d} Ld Sterling, 3^{d} Wayne, 4th Park of Artillery, 5th Nash's Brigade, 6th Stephen's Division, 7th Green's, 6th then the Waggons with Tents Hospital and Commissaries Stores, 7th then a rear Guard of 2 Regt^{s} from Genl Weedon's Brigade, 8th then a Cap^{ts} Command from the Two Reg^{ts} at the distance of 200 yards, 9th then the remaining third of the Dragoons 500 yards from the Foot, 10th then a Subaltern's Comm^{d} from the Dragoons, the distance of 500 yards, the Guards in Front and Rear, and each Brigade to send out small Flanking parties on their left. The rear Guards of

Foot and Dragoons to pick up all Stragglers. An active Officer from each Brigade to go to the City and meet at the Conestagoe Waggon in order to agree upon a plan how they may Collect all the Straggling Soldiers together, those that are not able to march to be delivered to the Surgeon Gen[l], the rest the Officers to furnish with 40 Rounds of Cartridges and march tomorrow morning in good order and join the Army.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Sep[r] 16th 1777

Major Gen[l] for tomorrow . . . . L[d] Sterling
Brigadier . . . . . Wayne
Field Officers Col. Hendricks and Major Bruster
Brigade Major . . . . . Fleury

The whole Line while it continues unseperated is to furnish 600 Men properly officer'd for Guards &c. each Brigade to give according to its Strength, the men to be under the immediate direction of the Major Gen[l] and other Officers of the day, who with the assistance of the Q. M. G. agreeable to the Orders of the 10th Ins[t] are to see that the out Guards are posted in such manner as most effectually to secure the Camp. If the different avenues to it should not require the above number, the overplus are to remain as a Piquet, near the Park of Artillery and be always ready to reinforce any Guard or answer any other Purpose that the Major Gen[l] or other Officers of the Day shall think necessary.

Those Guards in Common are to parade at 8 o'clock in the morning near the artillery Park, but whenever the Troops are to march they are to assemble there at least half an hour before the Time appointed for the march of the Army, and from thence the Major Gen[l] or other Officers of the Day will order so many of them as he or they shall think necessary to move on with the Q[r] Masters to the place of destination and after the ground and all the avenues to the new Encampment are well reconnoitred the Guards are to be posted. Such Troops as have not been supplied with

their Compliments of Cartridges agreeable to the Orders of the 13th Inst are to be furnish'd instantly, the Troops are also to get provision cook'd for tomorrow at least the Clothier Genl is attending with shoes &c. The Officers commanding Regts are to delay no time in getting their Men supplied. In future whenever the Men are form'd for action, the Serjts are to be placed in the Ranks on the Flanks of Subdivisions, that the Benefit of their Fire may not be lost. The Brigadrs and Officers Commg Regts are also to post some good Officers in the Rear, to keep the Men in Order, and if in Time of Action any Man who is not wounded whether he has arms or not, turns his back upon the Enemy and attempts to run away, or to retreat before Orders are given for it, those Officers are instantly to put him to death. The Man does not deserve to live who basely flies, breaks his Solemn engagements and betrays his Country.

Such Men belonging to Genl Maxwells light Corps as have return'd to their Regts are Again to join Genl Maxwell's without delay, and the Officers Commanding Regts are to make diligent search after those Men and see that they are sent to join that Corps immediately.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Sepr 17th 1777

Major Genl for tomorrow . . Sullivan
Brigadier . . . . . Muhlenburg
Field Officers Col. Febiger Major Lockart
Brigade Major . . . . . Peers

The Commanding Officers of Brigades immediately to dispatch two or three careful Officers who are best mounted into the rear of the Line of March Yesterday, as far back as Genl Maxwell's Quarters where the Army last drew up, to examine all Houses, Barnes and Hutts on the way and collect and bring on all Stragglers from the Army. The Brigadiers and other Officers are immediately to examine the Arms & ammunition of their Men & spare no pains to

preserve such Ammunition as is not already damaged, and to have the Arms put in the best Order possible. Such as are loaded to be drawn if practicable, if they cannot be drawn they are to be loaded for not one Gun is to be fired in order to Clean it. The Gen[l] desires the officers to pay the most particular attention to these orders, as not only their own safety but the salvation of their County may depend thereon.

Such ammunition as is damaged is likewise to be carefully saved, to be return'd to the Park the first convenient Time, to this point the Officers will now and at all times pay attention as the lead is of vast importance to us.

The officers of the Day for the present day are Major Gen[l] Stephen, Brigadier Conway, Field Officers L[t] Col. Davis, Major Sterrit Brigade Major Day.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Sep[r] 18th 1777

The Rolls are to be called this evening & Officers and Men strictly charg'd not to stir from their Quarters, where their Corps are encamp'd, that they may be ready to march at a moments warning, Severe Punishment will be the Demerit of Offenders against this Order.

T. PICKERING A. G.

HEAD QUARTERS Sep[r] 20th 1777.

AFTER ORDERS.

It is with the utmost Concern that the Gen[l] observes a Continual straggling of the Soldiers, and that many Officers pay little or no attention to prevent a practice attended with such mischievous Consequences notwithstanding the Orders relative thereto; the officers are reminded that it is their duty and the Gen[l] expects for the future that they know precisely the Number of Men in their Divisions or platoons and where the time will admit of it, take a list of their names previous to their marching that on a march they frequently look at their division to see if it be in order and no Man missing. The Gen[l] has reason to think that

many officers neglect to Call the Rolls of their Companies daily agreeable to former Orders and that many cannot account for their absent Men, this is a neglect of a most dangerous nature and if Continued the Army will soon be greatly reduc'd. The Gen[l] therefore Calls on all Officers in the most pressing manner as they regard their Duty and the Salvation of their Country to have the Rolls call'd night and morning, and pay the most unremitting attention to prevent a loss of their Men. The Gen[l] is informed that vast numbers of Men are sent off as a Guard to the Baggage. The Brigadiers and officers Commanding Brigades are without delay to send proper Officers to Reading or wherever the Baggage may be, to reduce those Guards and bring with the greatest dispatch to the Army the greatest part of them and those the best Men with the best Arms, leaving only so many Officers and Men as are absolutely necessary to guard the Baggage.

Colonel Polk who Commands those Guards will see that few Officers and Men are left with the Baggage, some Officers also to Philad[a] to bring all Soldiers which shall be found there, the Officers are also to see that all Soldiers who wait on Officers be armed and do the duty of Soldiers on every emergency, particularly that the Fire of so many Men be not lost in a Day of Action, the Waggons are to be kept ready to move at the shortest notice.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS PERKIOMING Sep[r] 21st 1777

Major Gen[l] for tomorrow . . . Green
Brigadier . . . . . Nash
Field Officers Col. Lawson L[t] Col. Bearly
Brigade Major . . . . . Barber

The Honb[le] Congress have been pleas'd to appoint the Count Poliske to the Chief Command of the American light Dragoons, with the Rank of Brigadier Gen[l]. Some diligent Officers of each Brigade are to be sent to all the Houses within four or five miles of this Camp to find & bring all Stragglers to their respective Corps. The Brigad[rs] will see

this done. The Major Gen^{ls} and Brigadiers will see that the Commissaries make Competent provisions for supplying the troops.

One person in the issuing Commissary's Department is without fail to call daily at Head Quarters to report the State of Provisions and receive orders.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Sepr 22^{d} 1777.

The Troops are to get ready to march exactly at one o'clock to draw and cook the provisions immediately.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Sepr 22^{d} 1777.

Parole	*C. Sign*
Major Genl for tomorrow	Sullivan
Brigadier	Muhlenburgh
Field Officers Lt Col. Woolford	Lt Col. Sayres
Field Officer for Picquet . .	Lt Col. Patten

The Clothier Genl is immediately to distribute all the Cloathing and Shoes in his Possession. The Army is to march by the Right in small Divisions or Plattoons in this order. First Genl Sullivan's Division then Ld Sterling's, then the Park of Artillery then Genl Nash's Brigas^{e} then Genl Stephens Division, then Genl Green's, the officers of all Rank's are to march in their proper Places & keep their Divisions, Brigades & plattoons in the most exact Order and especially not to suffer a man to quit his place without leave and that be granted only in case of absolute necessity and then a Serj^{t} is to be left with him to bring him on.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Sepr 22^{d} 1777.

Major Genl for tomorrow . .	Ld Sterling
Brigadier	Weedon
Field Officers Col. Buncomb &	Lt Col. Innis
Brigade Major	Fleury

The Genl expects returns of the Army tomorrow morning without fail, and enjoins it upon the Comm^{g} Officers of

Corps to see they are exactly made, each Reg^{t} is to proceed in making Cartridges for its own use that they may be held in Store, Genl Knox will furnish them with materials, it is expected as the Weather is now growing cool that the Troops will never have less than Two Days provisions by them, the necessity of it the Genl does in the strongest manner impress upon the Officers in hopes they will exert themselves in seeing it executed as the Soldiers or the Service must greatly suffer unless this is well attended to.

The Genl is inform'd that the Tin Canisters which was served out for the purpose of carrying ammunition, are in some instances applied to other uses, he therefore positively forbids such Practices.

James Lloyd Esqr is appointed a Volunteer aid du Camp to Major Genl Green and is to be respected accordingly.

The sick in Camp are to be sent immediately to the Artillery Park or House or Barn nearest thereto, that the Surgeons may send them in Waggons to Reading. A careful Subaltern Officer from each Division is to go with them, if so many Officers are not necessary, the Surgeon Genl will dismiss a part of them, each man is to take one days provisions with him.

In Camp in the night between the 21st and 22nd ins^{t} the Baron Helzendorff lost a Silver Watch whoever will bring it to Genl Green's or Genl Muhlenburg's Quarters shall receive a reward of 12 Dollars.

Lost a Silver Mounted open work'd Sword on the Road from Wilmington where the Waggons pass'd the Day of the Action of the 11th Ins^{t} towards Philad^{a} whoever will bring the sword to Head Q^{rs} or to Monsieur D Radion Lt Col. of Engineers shall receive 6 Doll^{s} reward.

In the Action of the 11^{t} Ins^{t} a large Bay Horse with a blaze on his face and short dock'd fell into the hands of Major Taylor of Genl Sullivans Division, the Owner may have him by application to him.

A number of papers of great value were Stolen from a Countryman, whoever will deliver them to the Adj^{t} Genl

shall receive £5 Reward, among them were a Deed, some Bonds and Notes.

B. O. Sepr 24th 1777.

The Commanding Officers of Regt^{s} are to make out returns immediately for the Clothes wanting in each Reg^{t} and to apply to the Clothier General without loss of Time.

P. MUHLENBURG B. G.

HEAD QUARTERS Sepr 24th 1777

Major Genl for tomorrow . . . . . Stephens
Briagdier . . . . . Scott
Field Officers . . Lt Col. Ford & Lt Col. Farmer
for Piquet Major Bell. Brigade Major Williams

HEAD QUARTERS Sepr 25th 1777.

Major Genl for tomorrow . . . Sullivan
Brigad^{r} . . . . . Conway
Field Officers Col. Grayson, Lt Col. Dehurt
Brigade Major . . . . . Cox
Field Officer for Piquet . . Lt Col. Barber

A Genl Court Martial is to sit immediately at the House where Genl Conway Quarters for the trial of all prisioners which may be brought before them, Col. James Wood is appointed Presid^{t} of this Court. One careful Subaltern from each Reg^{t} is to be sent off immediately to Bethlehem with Col. Biddle to inspect the Baggage of the Army, to see if it suffers by Dampness and if it does to have it properly dried and put up again, and then to see that it be well secured and guarded against plunderers, these officers are to assemble this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Q. M. G's Quarters, the next house beyond Head Quarters. Henceforward all Brigade returns are to be made directly to the Adj^{t} Genl, the weekly returns are to be made every Monday at orderly Time.

G. O. Sepr 26th 1777.

The Troops to be ready to march by 9 this morning with all Baggage pack'd and men paraded to march off by the left in the Order given the Day before Yesterday. All the Tent Waggons in the Rear in the Order the Troops march, then the rest of the Waggons. The Troops that lead to beat a march, and march to be followed by the Residue.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Sepr 27th 1777.

Major Genl for tomorrow . . . . . Ld Sterling
Brigadier . . . . . Muhlenburg
Field Officers Col. Ogden one from 3^{d} Maryland Reg^{t}
Brigade Major . . . . . Barber
Field Officer Piquet Major Lyne

The G. C. Martial of which Col. Wood is president is to sit immediately at the House next above Head Quarters. As the Troops will rest to day, Divine Service is to be perform'd in all the Corps which have Chaplains.

One Orderly Serj^{t} from each Brigade is to attend forthwith at Head Quarters, and the Brigade Majors will see this done invariably every day when Orders have not been previously given for Marching. One Orderly Serj^{t} from each Brigade is likewise invariably to attend Genl Court Martials.

Such Reg^{ts} as have not already made up spare Ammunition so as to Compleat at least 40 Rounds a man are to do it without fail. The Commanding Officers of Regt^{s} are to see this done, and all the Spare Ammunition is to be mark'd & to be put into an Ammunition Waggon for and to follow each Division. The Men are to carry only their Cartridge Boxes, and Tin Cannisters full. One of the Inhabitants where the Army lately encamp'd has had 15 pair of Buck skin unmade Breeches a Scarlet Serge Waist Coat, some Shifts, 2 Silver Dollars and Fifty pounds in paper Bills stolen from him by some Soldiers. The Comm^{g} Officers of

Regt^{s} is required to Cause the Mens packs to be searched immediately for those articles that the Villians on whom they are found may be brought to justice.

G. O. HEAD QUARTERS Sepr 28th 1777

Major Genl for tomorrow . . Sullivan
Brigadier . . . . . Scott
Field Officers Col. Lamb Major Morrell
Brigade Major . . . . . Peers
Field Officer for Picket Major Dawson

The Commander in Chief has the Happiness to again Congratulate the Army in the Success of the American Arms at the Northward, on the 19th Inst. an Engagement took place between Genl Burgoyne's Army & 9 Regt^{s} of ours under Genl Gates, the Battle began at 10 o'clock & lasted till Night, our Troops fighting with the greatest Bravery, not giving an Inch of Ground, our loss is about 80 kill'd and 200 wounded and missing, the Enemy's is judged to exceed 1000 kill'd, wounded and taken Prisoners, both Prisoners and Deserters declare that Genl Burgoyne who Commanded in Person was wounded in the left should'r, that the 62^{d} Regiment was cut to pieces, and that the Enemy suffer'd extreamly in every Quarter where they were engaged, such was the ardour of our Troops that wounded Men after being dress'd renew'd the action. The Comm^{or} in chief has further occasion to Congratulate the Troops on the Success of a Detachment from the Northern Army under Col. Browne, who attack'd and Carried several of the Enemy's Posts and have got possession of the Old French Lines of Ticonderago Col. Browne in these several Attacks has taken 293 of the Enemy Prisoners with their Arms, retaken more than 100 of our Men, and taken 150 Batteaus below the falls in Lake Champlain and 50 above the Falls, including 17 Gun boats and one Arm'd Sloop, besides Cannon, Ammunition, &c. &c.

To Celebrate this Success the Genl Orders that at 4 o'clock

this afternoon, all the Troops be paraded and serv'd with a Gill of Rum for Men, And that at the same time there be a discharge of 13 pieces of Artillery at the Park.

All spare Ammunition in these Divisions who have not Close space Waggons to secure it in is to be return'd to the Park of Artillery.

B. O. Sepr 29th 1777.

The Brigade is to be ready to march precisely at 10 o'clock previous to the March the Men are to be laid off properly that every officer may know his Division or Plattoon, every Soldier that has a Canteen is to fill it with water immediately as not a Man will be suffered to straggle from his Plattoon. The Commanding Officers of Regt^{s} are requested to make a return to the Genl as soon as possible, of Officers belonging to their Regt^{s} who are absent without leave that they may be suspended and others put in their Place, that the Service may not suffer on their account. The Genl informs them that there have been great Complaints of late against the Soldiery for disobedience of G. O. & decrease of Military Discipline, and though he flatters himself that few instances can be produced where G. O. has been disobey'd in his Brigade yet he wishes the Colonels as well as other officers to guard against any well grounded Complaints in future, for as his Excell^{y} is determined to look to the Brigad^{r} for Compliance with his orders in the Brigade, the Brig^{r} will look to those who have the Command of the Soldiery more particularly.

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